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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.